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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 20. Regular programme of technical cooperation

1. At its 31st meeting, on 19 October 1993, the Committee considered section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations supported the proposed redeployment of resources from sectoral advisory services to the regional commissions. Other delegations expressed concern that that redeployment, as well as the expected decentralization of resources under energy and natural resources, might affect the implementation of central programmes.

3. Some delegations noted the difficulty in identifying activities in the section and felt that more detailed information should be provided in that respect.

4. Some delegations were of the opinion that activities related to technical cooperation should not be financed from the regular budget. Other delegations felt that the activities under section 20 had contributed and should continue to contribute to development.

5. Some delegations considered that the scope of the training activities was not as broad as it should be.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee noted that the distribution of resources of section 20 was indicative, reflecting the demand-oriented nature of technical cooperation and the pending decision on decentralization to be taken by the General Assembly.

7. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, taking into account the above mentioned factors.